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Tannery

* 573 *Q.*—Sri S. M. ANNAMALAI: கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

வடாற்காடு மாவட்டம் போளூர் சமுதாயநலத்திட்டம் சந்தவாசல் கிராமத்தில் மாதிரி தோல் பதனிடும் தொழிற்சாலை (Model tannery) ஆரம்பிக்கும் உத்தேசம் உண்டா?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Yes, Sir.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : May I know the capacity of the tannery and what are the types of skins that would be tanned there?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I do not have all these particulars with me just now. The cost of the scheme works out to Rs. 25,600.

Harijan Christians

* 574 *Q.*—Sri T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the various concession given to Christian-Harijans; and

(*b*) whether the Government have made any representations to the Central Government that there should not be any difference between the Christian and Hindu-Harijans in the matter of concessions?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : (*a*) & (*b*) A paper [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Sri T. T. DANIEL : From the paper placed on the table of the House, we find that there are differences in the matter of giving concessions between the Christian-Harijans and the Hindu-Harijans. In view of the fact that our country has been declared a Secular State and the fact that we have also declared that there shall not be any discrimination on grounds of religion, will the Government make representations to the Central Government so that the definition of the term 'Scheduled Castes' as found in the Standing Order of 1950 may be modified in such a way that 'Scheduled Castes' may include also Harijans who belong to religions other than Hinduism?

The Hon. Sri P. KAKKAN : Sir, convert-Harijans are not eligible for any of the concessions given by the Central Government Grant-in-aid. This Government have addressed the Government of India in the matter. If any more facilities are to be given, the Constitution will have to be amended. Then only we can do something; otherwise, we cannot do anything in the matter.

Sri A. VEDARATHNAM : மேஜைமீது வைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கிற எட்டில், கிளாஸ் பி-ல் மத்திய அரசாங்கம் மதம் மாறிய ஹரிஜனங்களுக்கு எந்தச் சலுகையும் கொடுப்பதில்லை என்று குறிப்பிடப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அப்படியிருக்கிற பொழுது நம்முடைய மாநில

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